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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries & Ports (D) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.26/2024/F&PD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,31st December,2024

S. R. O. No. 35/2025

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WHEREAS, sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 (Central Act No. 24 of 2021), empower the State Government to appoint officers or persons as surveyors of Inland Vessels and such surveyors so appointed shall be deemed to be



public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act No. 45 of 1860);

AND WHEREAS, sub-section (2) of section 10 of the said Act, empower the Central Government to prescribe the minimum criteria and qualification of the appointment of surveyors of which the same shall be adopted by the State Government;

AND WHEREAS, under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, the Government of Kerala have constituted the Kerala Maritime Board in pursuance of the notification issued under G.O. (Ms) No.1/2018/F&PD dated 2nd February, 2018 and published as S.R.O.No.72/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.295 dated 7th February, 2018 by which the functions and responsibilities being dealt by the Port Department was assigned to the said Board,

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala vide the Kerala Inland Vessels Rules, 2010, which were formulated after the Thekkady boat tragedy gave much emphasis to the safety of vessels, crew and passengers. The Director of Ports has requested the Government for the creation of one post each of Registering Authority, Chief Surveyor, Chief Examiner and two post of Surveyors in the Ports Department for the implementation of Kerala Inland Vessels Rules, 2010. The Government have created all posts requested by the Director of Ports vide G.O.(Ms) No.48/2012/F&PD dated 16th June, 2012;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of India vide the Inland Vessels (Survey and Certification) Rules, 2022 issued vide G.S.R. No. 420 (E) dated 7th June, 2022, prescribed procedures for conducting survey of structure, machinery, life-saving appliances, radio installations, fire fighting etc. and other equipments in the vessels and the qualifications of surveyors;

AND WHEREAS, the Kerala Maritime Board has requested to Government, there is a lack of qualified full time officers working in the Kerala Maritime Board as surveyors and hence the Government may appointed surveyors on contract basis on a suitable method of selection as mentioned in the Inland Vessels (Survey and



Certification) Rules, 2022. The Government have appointed eight person as surveyors on contract basis for a period of one year in the Kerala Maritime Board for conducting survey of the vessels to be registered in the State vide G.O.(P) No. 46/2023/F&P dated 12th September, 2023 and published as S.R.O. No. 964/2023 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2966 dated 13th September, 2023;

AND WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board has reported that the volume of works associated with the survey and registration of Inland Vessels have increased, now there are large number of applications pending before the Registering Authority of Kerala Maritime Board for conducting of survey mentioned in the Inland Vessels (Survey and certification) Rules, 2022. Now there is a lack of qualified full time officers working in the Kerala Maritime Board as surveyors and hence the Board has requested the Government to extend the appointment of Sri. Jofin Lukose, Palamattathil House, Pathiriparamba, Melechoyva, Kannur, Pin 670006 and Sri. Nandakumar V.K, Vayaliparambu, Padivattomkara, Near Anchmala Temple, Edappally P.O, Ernakulam- 682024 as survyors with effect from 12/09/2024 on contract basis for a period of one year for conducting survey of the vessels to be registered in the state;

AND WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of Kerala Maritime Board has requested the Government to notify the above said persons as surveyors under sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Inland vessels Act 2021, for a period of one year or Government makes suitable alternate arrangements in this regard;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have examined the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary to notify the appointment of Sri. Jofin Lukose, Palamattathil House, Pathiriparamba, Melechoyva, Kannur, Pin: 670006 and Sri. Nandakumar V.K, Vayaliparambu, Padivattomkara, Near Anchmala Temple, Edappally P.O, Ernakulam-682024 as surveyors with effect from 12/09/2024 on contract basis for a period of one year in the Kerala Maritime Board for conducting survey of the vessels to be registered and various surveys under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 (Central Act 24 of 2021) in the



State, during the contract period as such they are continued as surveyors in the Kerala Maritime Board or Government make suitable alternate arrangements in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 (Central Act 24 of 2021), the Government of Kerala hereby notify the appointment of Sri. Jofin Lukose and Sri. Nandakumar V.K. as surveyors with effect from 12/09/2024 on contract basis for a period of one year in the Kerala Maritime Board for conducting survey on the vessels registered in the State only for the contract period in which they are continued as surveyors in the Kerala Maritime Board or the Government make suitable alternate arrangements in this regard.

By Order of the Governor,

K S SRINIVAS

Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 (Central Act No. 24 of 2021), empower the State Government to appoint officers or persons as surveyors of Inland Vessels and such surveyors so appointed shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code. Sub-section (2) of section 10 of the said Act, empower the Central Government to prescribe the minimum criteria and qualification of the appointment of surveyors of which the same shall be adopted by the State Government. The Government of India vide the Inland Vessels (Survey and Certification) Rules, 2022 issued vide G.S.R. No. 420 (E) dated 7th June, 2022, prescribed procedures for conducting survey of structure, machinery, life- saving appliances, radio installations, fire fighting etc. and other equipments in the vessels and the qualification of the surveyors. The Chief Executive Officer of the Kerala Maritime



Board has reported that the volume of works associated with the survey and registration of Inland Vessels have increased, now there are large number of applications pending before the Registering Authority of Kerala Maritime Board for conducting of survey mentioned in the Inland Vessels (Survey and certification) Rules, 2022. Now there is a lack of qualified full time officers working in the Kerala Maritime Board as surveyors and hence the Board has requested the Government to appoint Sri. Jofin Lukose, Palamattathil House, Pathiriparamba, Melechoyva, Kannur, Pin:670006 and Sri. Nandakumar V.K, Vayaliparambu, Padivattomkara, Near Anchmala Temple, Edappally P O, Ernakulam- 682024 as surveyors on contract basis for a period of one year. The Chief Executive Officer of Kerala Maritime Board has requested the Government to notify the above said persons as surveyors under sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Inland vessels Act, 2021 (Central Act No. 24 of 2021) for a period of one year or Government makes suitable alternate arrangements in this regard. The Government have examined the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary to notify the appointment of Sri. Jofin Lukose and Sri. Nandakumar V.K. as surveyors on contract basis for a period of one year in the Kerala Maritime Board for conducting survey of the vessels to be registered in the State, during the contract period as such they are continued as surveyors in the Kerala Maritime Board or Government make suitable alternate arrangements in this regard.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

